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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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LEGISLATIVE REFERRAL MEMORANDUM

To: Legislative Liaison Officer—
Central Intelligence Agency
National Security Council
U.S. Information Agency
Department of Justice
Department of Defense

Subject: Department of State's proposed bill for a fiscal year 1972
authorization for grants to Radio Free Europe and
Radio Liberty.

The Office of Management and Budget would appreciate receiving the views of your agency on the above subject before advising on its relationship to the program of the President, in accordance with Budget Circular A-19.

- () To permit expeditious handling, it is requested that your reply be made within 30 days.
- (X) Special circumstances require priority treatment and accordingly your views are requested by C.O.B. 4/28/72. Proposal requires Congressional action by close of fiscal year. Telephone Comments are acceptable.

Questions should be referred to Terry Deibel (103x4580) or to Janis Humphrey (103x4710), the legislative analyst in this office.

James F. G. Hyde, Jr. for
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

Dear Mr. President:

There is transmitted herewith for the consideration of the Senate, a proposed bill for the authorization of United States Government grants to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty for fiscal year 1973.

It may be noted that this proposed bill is, in effect, an extension of Public Law 92-164²⁶⁴ which was signed by President Nixon on March 28³⁰, 1972.

We propose the extension of this legislation because we believe the broadcasting activities of these two organizations should be continued and that it is in the interest of the United States Government to support them. The bill is proposed in this form because it would appear from the legislative history of Public Law 92-164²⁶⁴ that it is the form which most nearly meets the wishes of the Congress.

The bill is submitted at this time in order that the Congress may carry out its intention, expressed

The Honorable
Spiro T. Agnew
President of the Senate

in the report of the Joint Conference Committee, to give consideration to this legislation prior to the end of the current fiscal year.

The Department has been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that this bill is in accord with the President's program.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Abshire
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

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A BILL

To further amend the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled,

That Section 703 of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 703: There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State \$38,520,000 for fiscal year 1973 to provide grants, under such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate, to Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Except for funds appropriated pursuant to this section, no funds appropriated after the date of this Act may be made available to or for the use of Radio Free Europe or Radio Liberty in fiscal year 1973.



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If you agree with the recommendation, please call us ASAP as OMB has moved up its deadline from 28 April to first thing tomorrow morning.

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